RATE CASE BEGINS

Seven Wichita Coal Dealers Testify Before the Board

THIRTY THOUSAND TONS

Are Brought to Wichita for Local Consumption.

Only a few people have any idea of the aggregate amount of coal of the various grades that is annually brought into this pity for home consumption, nor do they realise the vast importance of the matter of transportation charges on this one commodity.

A conservative and fair estimate, taking one year with another, taking the testimony of dealers before the railread com missioners yesterday, would give from 1,400 to 1,700 cars, with the probability leaning toward the latter figures. Ther are now fourteen permanently established coal agencies in the city representing th fourteen firms receive through the year from 50 to 20 cars each, averaging very 39 tons, making a total of nearly 30,000 tons of coal annually shipped into Wichita, consumer then if is readily perceived, the matter of reasonable rates becomes of

"paye the freight." By a resolution passed by the city council about a month ago City Attorney George Adams was authorized to commence proceedings against those ratiroads which haut con ern Kaneas, the chief source of supply for coal for this region. All the roads the Bock Island, which has no lines reachcoal of the other could. The jurisdiction musioners, and pursuant to this board's assembled hoard meeting in the city coun-

order promptly, all the commissioners being present. For the city, Public Prosecufor George Adams appeared. The princ pal reads interested were represented by counsel us follows: For the Archinson Topeka and Santa Fe, A. A. Hurd, men eral solution of the system for Kansas; for the Missouri Pacific, Judge J. H. Richards, of Fort Scott, general counsel for Kansas of that company, and J. Witlis Glood for the St. Louis and San Fran-

The idea of the special court first meet ing in this city was to take such local eral testimony as necessary on which to resident coal merchants were subposed east of coal at the mines, retail price and such detail matters as the board desired to know at the start. These agents festified: George P. Walker of the L. C. Jackson company: Wilbur P. Stout of the Kansas & Texas: A. W. Reynolds of the Weir City; W. G. Hacker of the Scam-man; M. S. Himman of the Claremore; George Ross of the Ross Coul company, There were about six more on the list somer to expedite matters, that they pancy by the 28th of this month, should all be considered as testifying to tiling, and so called. The temper of the board seeme satirely impartial, they being as much or posed to any positive on the part of the various roal companies as antagonistic to the raticular comilies. To each of the witnesses the question was put by Chairman Billard 2 they had any reason to suspect that the same rate was not being made twolf affect

They all replied promptly in the next rive. There was practically no difference that the only thing dediced from the exi-dence was a fact that had never been an questioned by ofther side namely that the rate from the eastern and southeastern coal Belds to Wichits was \$1.00; E. Is was shown to be the rate from Orage, The retail price was shown to be \$4.00 on the Scales and \$4.25 delivered, and the nanimous insistence from the withwas that this was just us low as it could

After this part of the proceedings had been disposed of, the attorneys and commissioners agreed on the 15th of this nonth, two weeks from the day of the best season, us the date for the next meeting, which will then be held in Topoles at the office of the beard, the better by get will submit their reply and the commisstoners will take the marten under mivisement. Their decision will not be reached for some time. Basidae the legal representatives above

maintinned, there were present also the departments of the roads, and these were Paul Morton, second tice president and C. Gay, general freight agent, and Robert R. Ferrington, division freight agent of Visitors welcome, L.T. Pearce, Sec.y. the Sanra Fer J. C. Lincoln and A. W. Friend at this point, now one of the system's division superintendents, was in the Horner, Secretary, city but was not present at the hearing Fred W. Bentley, special atterney for the receiver of the Wichits and Western and

RUNAWAY ON DOUGLAS AVENUE No Damage Except to Break the Wagon Tongue.

going cast on Douglas at a lively gare when between Murket and Lawrence : paper was blown in between the borses frightening them into a mind run. The driver plackily held on until the corner of Lawrence, when the team suddenly turned short, enapping the wagon poland tangiling the horses up in that they exchanged sides completely. Two me

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE Who are injured by the use of collect Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but lew can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over a summer, Collectes may drink it with great benefit. Its and the per package. Try a Ask for GRAIN-O.

came to the assistance of the driver and succeeded in quieting the frenzied animals so they could be unhitched. Aside from the tongue, no serious dumage was sus

IT IS LOYALTY.

half-baked Kansas City paper that arrives on the slow fast mail-said train delaying the mail of Southern Kansas and Oklahoma from an hour and a half to two hours nearly every day-after standing on the crowded streets all day with his bagful of papers earnestly endeavoring to give them away, and utterly failing, said that he did not know what you called it. Wichita people's loyalty to their city or disloyalty or a boycott on Kansas City. He said that about the only people who would take one as a gift were the people from the country and the children It is certainly gratifying to know that the good people of Wichita are loyal to their own interests, and knowing them dare maintain them.

WILL HAVE TO GIVE BOND Contract for Refunding Bonds May

Be Rescinded. County Attorney Amiden has sent an opinion to the county commissioners that the contract or agreement with W. G. Easts & Co. for the refunding of \$140,000 C., K. & N. bonds can be resulted or the proposition for bids taken up for a reconsideration.

The commissioners were to take up the matter yesterday, but only one of the companies that had formerly put in a hid had a representative at the meeting, so definite action was deferred until next Saturday, Bidders bereafter will probably have to put up a bond for guarantee that future figures will be lower.

"CAME LIKE A LION" Month of March Comes On In Tantrum.

It is said that when March comes in like a lion that the chances are that it will go out like a lamb. In its advent ing into the city are involved except yesterlay morning it tacked nothing of formal ukase that Populists will have to and a good social time guaranteed. Ading these mines and is obliged, like the legs, howling, its hide full of dust and lead give up two of the best places on freshments. rests of the unfortunates, to buy their wildly snorting, its hair standingout like the ticket it is said that the petition will the horns on a stampeded Texas steer. of the case comes primarily under the Outside of two or three days in Decem- more, and an organization will be formed scape of the state board of refirond com- ber, we have had no winter in Kansas and a plan outlined for the restoration this season and if we are to have any it official notice, the case was commenced must come this menth, within a very few days. The great disappointment is the ice failure. But the ice factories will console themselves with the old saw that it President Dillard called the session to is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

STOLE A SPADE AND JUG Seven-Year-Old Frank Wilson Ar

rested Yesterday. Frank Wilson, a boy of seven, was taken to the station yesterday afternoon or stealing a spade and a one-gallon jus from Messra. Huse & Charleton. The boy said he didn't know the number of his house, but he lived in the third block on North Main street. He sold the spade not be found. As it was the first offense he was given a lecture and turned lose.

take further prosecution. Representative TO BE IN THE SHEETZ BUILDING Robert Jacks Becomes Manager for the Star Clothing Company.

Designs and Market streets, will be be copied as soon as the building is com-Mr. Robert Jacks as the manager. Mr. Jacius is one of the oldest clothiers in the ctly having been in business here from Charles Schwartz of Schwartz Bros., and 1821 until about three years ago. He left yesterday for the eastern markets to lay in his supply of clothing. It is expected that the building will be ready for occu-

CHICKEN ORDINANCE IN EFFECT Owners of Stray Fowls Liable to a Fine.

yesterday and from now on anyone own- morning. ing chickens in the city limits who allow them to stray from their own yard will of Howard, Kansas, were at the Manhat-

MARRIAGE OF GEORGE MOORE Takes Place at Decatur, Illinois

Miss Buck the Bride,
Mr. George L. Moure of this city and
Miss Jeanette Buck of Pedatur, Ill., wace married at that place February IL. The Decarur Republican says.

Miss Jeanstie Buck and Mr. George L.

Moore were married at 1 o'clock this afteron at the bome of the mother of the belde, Mrs. Marrha Busk, of 1962 East Condit street. The wedding was informal and quest, only the members of the famthe being present. Rev. George F. Hall following thus, a wolding breidefast was served. The rooms and tables were tastefally deported in rolls. Miss Minute Nickells of Chatham, Mes Della Moore Mr. L. Becker, a preminent merchant of and A. C. Moore of Springfield, left at 3 Newton, left for his home yesterday mernclock for Springfield, where they will ing, after spending Monday night here. rish until Thursday with relatives of the groom. Miss Back has long been a prom-Similar school of the Christian tabernacie and will be greatly missed among her friends and co-workers.

COMING LOCAL EVENTS. The Weman's Home Missionary sectory

rds 40 North Waco avenue. Special communication of Albert Pike

of the First M. E. church will meet this

lodge No. 201, A. F. and A. M., this even-ing at 7.30. Work in the third degree

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Pollows for the Missouri Pacific. Carl Presbyterian church will meet this after-Gray, formerly commercial agent for the seen at 1.55 at the home of Mrs. Kos

A large attendance of the Camera club s proposted innight (Wednesday) as Mr. demonstrate the possibilities of the paper early by his house.

Battery A. First light artiflery, K. N. G. m meet at the Armory tonight for the night at their armory for the purpose a urpose of drill. Anyone wishing to join to light artillery will please report at the Armory, Peerless hall, corner Pirst and Main, at 8 o'clock sharp, George D. Downing, cuptain buttery A. First artil-

Eagle, Elder A. E. Dubber preached at the Central Church of Christ morning an evening. He captivated his audience, and at a meeting of the official board a cal nament pastor. He will preach Wedn lay, Thursday and Friday evenings; also Sunday morning and eventing. Come and hear him and give him a Wich welcome. Next week he will return to be made will return to our city.

Mr. Carl Gray, superintendent of the Best after dimer pills. Mr. Carl Gray, superintendent of the Best after dimer polls.

Prisco, was In the city yesterday attending to some business matters in connection with his road.

Place only Fill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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The only Fill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Petitions for No Fusion in One of the uniformed carriers of the Circulation.

HUNDRED

Put to the Local Paper and There Are Others.

Straight-out Pons in Wichita have had a petition going for some time against any further fusion with Democrats. It has 210 signers in Wichita and Sedgwick

During the A. O. U. W. grand lodge session a gentleman from Ellsworth came here and secured some sixty-five subscribers to a similar petition framed by Abe Steinberger of the Girard World and W. H. Bennington, the straight-out state chairman, or constituted chairman. Not all of these were Wichita nor Sedgwick probably two hundred names when it left

some time and has some good names, when it comes to reform qualifications. No less an authority and leader among the silver forces than Judge I. P. Campbell led well along and there were others prominent names. The petition recites that fusion tice and very unsatisfactory in results, and its provisions subscribed to are simply a promise from those who sign to labor against fusion, to talk against and to vote | pay for and said so whenever those two just as the ticket is fixed up. Not all | met. matters do not turn differently.

be started again along with two or three

This is to be locally first-that is Wichita Pops will take hold of the matter and the movement will probably extend over the state. The movement is billed for public inspection within the next twenty days and politicians will wait to see what

CITY IN BRIEF

Mr. Taliferro of California is in the city Mr. W. W. Hays left yesterday on a Jim Antrim and family have moved to

902 East Central avenue Mr. Earl Evans was in Clearwater yesterday on legal business

Mr. Robert Jacks left yesterday over the Frisco for St. Louis. Mrs. Ed. Petrie is in El Reno, visiting

with friends for a few days. Mr. W. E. Stanley is in Hutchinson atending to some legal business.

Mr. Leonard Southwell is able to be ip again after a serious lline Mr. Frank Robbins left last night for Euroka, to be gone several days.

D. A. Garst left last evening for the outh part of the state on business. Mr. Ed. Burchinal and wife of Conway brings, were in the city yesterday shop-

County Alterney S. B. Amiden was in Winfield yesterday, on some legal bus-

Mr. Demosey is in the city attending ess affairs. He is from Henne sey, O. T.

Messes, John Clayton and George Coe The chicken ordinance went into effect left on a week's hunting trip, yesterday Messrs, J. H. Hamilton and K. Hurst

> Mr. C. L. Seagravez, traveling passenger agent of the Santa Fe, was in the

city yesterday. Mr. Sam Hess, of the Herman & Hess. Clothing company, is in the east purducting new goods,

Mr. Thomas M. McEnery is entertaining Rev. J. A. Ferguson, of Newman, Oklahoma, for a few days.

Several houses are being moved into the east part of the city on vacant lots. They some from outside additions.

Mrs. Pearl Mitts has returned from a hree weeks visit with friends in Cheney, Conway Springs and Kingman.

Judges Frank Date and Judge Bierer of Oklahoma, in company with Judge David Dale, called on the Eagle yesterday. Mr. L. Becker, a preminent merchant of

Mr. G. W. Bristow, superintendent of the Musonic Home, left pesterday morning on a short business trip to Newton. Miss Fannie Dennis is in the city vistting her parents. She is suffering pain-

fully from an abscess on her left hand. Mr. John P. Kentz together with his Jefferson, Oklahoma, en route to St. Mr. Eugene Hays has gone to Euroka

Springs, where he has charge of an inotre stock of groceries for Lehman & The Misses M. Dale Culver and Rita G.

street, College Hill. Rev. Hilton, formerly of the Central

Christian church of this city, has just card a successful meeting at Beloit, Kan, with seventy-lone conversions. Mr. Lloyd D. McKee and Miss Grace E. Hufhauer, both of Mulvane, were united in marriage yesterday, by Bev. M. L. Mun.

at his home on South Market street. Balliery A. K. N. G. held a meeting last electing a second lieutenant. Sergeam Bert M. Naghten was unanimously elected Mr. Will Lack, formerly casher of the

Liver Ills

Hood's

ame down from Topeka last evening on

Mr. David S. Maxwell and Miss Jennis Rawlins were married yesterday morning at the home of the bride in Quincy, Ill They will be at home to their friends in WichitPa after June L

Governor Lewelling left yesterday after with the board of railroad commissioners He came down to attend the coal rate hearing yesterday morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Phoebe J. King will e held at the late residence. South Seneci treet, Thursday at 19 a. m. The interment will be in the Cartright cemetery. Friends of the family invited. Mesers, F. C. Engle, C. R. Booth and

J. G. Duncan left over the Rock Island vesterday for the coast, where they will embark for Dyea, Alaska, and from there to the Klondike as soon as navigation re

Several of the local sportsmen held practice shoot at the park yesterday afrnoon. The recent spiendid prize shootng of the local team at Newton has inpired a large number of others to get in export shape.

Mrs. Elia Glenn Shields left for the west Monday evening, having spent the ntire winter with her father, Glenn, and with relatives and friends in Illinois. She leaves her son with the gov rnor and his wife. The special car of Mr. Paul Morton, see nd vice president of the Santa Fe was

tisched to the Santa Fe north boun

ust evening and the party went through to Topoka. The rest of the officials left on the afternoon train for their respec-C. O. Gallager, who was arrested lasweek for disturbing the peace of H. H. Richards, had a hearing in Justice Walker's court yesterday and Gallager was let go. The matter in dispute was a pump that Gallager thought Richards ought to

the signers will vote the slate as fixed | The ladies of the First Baptist church up by Leedy's police commissioners and will hold a reception at the church, 237 henchmen but the most of them will if North Lawrence avenue, today, afternoon and evening, for the benefit of the nev Since the Democrats have issued an in- Wichita hospital. Refreshments, music

> The teachers and pupils of College Hill school are arranging a fine program for an entertainment to be given soon for he new bell fund. One bell was purhased but because of its cracked conition, it can not be heard ten feet away nd it is the pride and ambinon of the upils to have a new one that will ring.

> Mr. John Dennis of Alva, Oklahoma, is isiting his son Boy, pharmacist at leorge R. Parham's drug store. Mr. Denals has contracted with the McCormici he expects to join a party from Oklahom; now on the Pacific coast and together in grate to the Klondike region. Mr. Den nis is slowly recovering from a severe b pury received from the kick of a horse few weeks ago.

Goldstandt's, Wednesday, March 1.

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130-132 N. Main. After March 15, 119-121 N. Main.

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Tomatoes, 2 Cans	
String Beans, 2 Cans	Cox Gelatine, Box
Sweet Peas, 2 Cans	Plymouth Rock Gelatine, Box
L. S. Pumpkin, 2 Cans	Chow Chow, Quart
Pavorite Corn, Can	Sour Pickles, Quart
Favorite Beans, Can	New England Mince Meat, Sci 2 for
Favorite Lima Beans, Can	9 1-Gal. Cans L. G. Yoe Maple Syrup.
Kidney Beans, Can	Flour, Any Brand
I-Gal. Can Pie Peaches	0 10 Bars W. R. Soap
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3-75 Can Apricots	
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These are facts. Can give names if necessary. I would not have the world think that Wichita was so far in the dark ages as to have just received the first Grand plane. If you want a plane, come and see something up with the times. I am just receiving a large importation

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